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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: OGLE CASE

REF: SEOUL 8328

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB CALLED IN AMBASSADOR HAHM DECEMBER 16 TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND REGRET OVER ROKG ACTION IN DEPORTING REVEREND OGLE.
2. IN HIS PRESENTATION HABIB SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT OGLE'S PROCEDURAL RIGHTS TO PROPER APPEAL AND TO STATEMENT OF CHARGES ON WHICH DEPORTATION WERE BASED WERE IGNORED.
3. HABIB TOLD HAHM THAT WE ALSO WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER OGLE'S DETENTION AGAINST HIS WILL ON KAL AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS ON THE GROUND IN TOKYO. HABIB SAID THAT WE MUST PROTEST SUCH ACTION AND REQUESTED A FULL EXPLANATION AS TO CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED. HE ALSO NOTED LIKELY REPERCUSSIONS FROM CONGRESSIONAL AND CHURCH GROUPS OVER THE DEPORTATION AND OGLE'S DETENTION ON KAL PLANE.

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4. HAHM WAS CLEARLY UNCOMFORTABLE AND INDICATED HIS

UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION. HE DID NOTE THAT MESSAGE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SEOUL INDICATED THAT JUSTICE MINISTER HAD REVIEWED OGLE'S APPEAL AND HAD REJECTED IT. BEYOND THAT HAHM DID NOT ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY ROKG ACTION.

FYI. HAHM TOLD HABIB THAT, AS A RESULT OF MR. INGERSOLL'S DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN KIM, KOREAN EMBASSY HAD SENT IN A STRONGLY WORDED MESSAGE OPPOSING DEPORTATION. HAHM ALSO SAID THAT WHEN HE RECEIVED ADVISORY TELEGRAM ALERTING HIM TO DEPORTATION HE PLACED CALL TO PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHUNG YUM, ASKING FOR RECONSIDERATION. END FYI.

5. IN CLOSING, HABIB REITERATED OUR SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE OGLE CASE AND REMINDED THAT WE ARE EXPECTING A FULL EXPLANATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN DEPORTATION, PARTICULARLY THE KAL AIRCRAFT INCIDENT IN TOKYO. HE ALSO NOTED OUR CONCERN ABOUT IMPACT OF ANY FURTHER EXPULSIONS OF MISSIONARIES, ASKING THAT HAHM SECURE A READING OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS ON THAT SCORE.

6. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG SENIOR OFFICIALS.

7. DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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